

**Questions and Answers Regarding
RFP for National Lakes Assessment Planning Project (NLAPP)
EPA-OW-OWOW-NLAPP2005-02**

The following questions were received by EPA from prospective applicants to the National Lakes Assessment Planning Project (NLAPP). Questions and answers are provided for the use of those interested in applying under this grant project.

1. Do non-profits need to have 501(c)(3) certification at time of application ?
Yes.
2. If we contract over 50% to non-governmental entities, could you suggest what would be an acceptable amount?
No set amount; we would need to see justification on case-by-case basis.
3. Can EPA grant money be used as part of the matching funds for the local sponsors?
No.
4. Is it possible for a university to subcontract a federal agency?
Yes.
5. Can we exceed the 100K to 300K amounts stated in the RFP?
Yes, if justified. The 100K to 300K amounts are stated as guidelines based on the magnitude we might expect and the overall number of grants we are looking for.
6. Are official grant application forms required at this time?
No, we will request official forms of the proposal applicants selected for funding.
7. Where are items a-e as described on page 11 of the Workplan Description?
This should have read "a-f" and are found in section IB2 on pages 6 and 7 of the RFP.
8. Can a subcontracting non-profit apply directly for a portion of funding under one proposal?
These would have to be considered as individually funded financial assistance.
9. Do I need to include the reference section of my submission in the 10-page total limit?
Reference sections can be in addition to the 10-page limit.
10. Can for-profit organizations apply for grants?
No, the grant vehicle is not appropriate for for-profit groups.
11. Will the national conference be open only to funding recipients?
The conference will be open to all interested in lake assessment.
12. Will preference be given to 12-month grants?
Twenty points may be awarded to proposals that indicate project results could be incorporated into a 2006 national lakes assessment conference.
13. When will awards be announced?
We hope to let applicants know by the end of April if they are successful, and at that time request a full Grant application.